

PRIZE-WINNERS WILDLY CHEERED

Live Stock Parade Brought Champions in Full View of Crowds at Fair.

BEST SHOW EVER HELD IN VIRGINIA

Verdict of Approval, Repeated a Thousand Times to Managers, Who Will Build Hereafter on Even Greater Scale.

To-day's Program.

- SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10TH. (Automobile Day.) 8 A. M.—Gates open. 11 A. M.—Judge's hand in final reports. 2 P. M.—Automobile races begin; six events. 3 P. M.—Great fifty-mile race starts. 4 P. M.—Flight of Stroh's airplane. Vaudeville in front of grandstand, 1:30 to 4:30 P. M.

NIGHT PROGRAM.

8:15—Battle of Port Arthur, concluding with grand display of fireworks. Free vaudeville also at night.

DESPITE the lowering clouds which threatened at times to break into a shower of rain, thousands of people gathered merrily at the Virginia State Fair Grounds yesterday, viewing the exhibits, strolling along the midway, watching the races, and remaining for the automobile parade and pyrotechnic display last night. Although the show will be closed after the various performances to-night, the exhibits are still in place, none having been removed in the desire to hurry away to other fairs. Indeed, the week has been so prosperous that men with things to show expressed the regret that the program could not be extended over Sunday.

"The best fair ever held in Virginia," is the verdict of the crowds which have been here to find enjoyment and profit. Begged on all sides by friends, President Henry C. Stuart has heard it expressed a thousand times or more—so often, in fact, that he has constantly repeated it in turn, and with ample justification. Experts from this and other States have joined in the chorus, the one fact being clearly established that the institution, crowned with such wonderful success, has come to stay and development and spread.

"All of us ought to be proud of our effort," said Mr. Stuart, as he was pulling away from the grounds last night. "If you have a big State Fair, it must necessarily be held in Richmond, and the fact that Richmond people have patronized it so largely gives strong indications that they want it; that they appreciate it, and that they will help it grow."

Mr. Stuart was as unflinching in his kindness and willingness to listen to every complaint as ever, and there was no busier man than he on the grounds. His courtesy is unflinching, and if any lesser official was lacking, would certainly not be because he had not in Mr. Stuart a pleasing example and all the exemplifications of a generous host.

Crowds Easily Handled. The crowd yesterday was never well policed and well directed. No cases of pickpocketing were reported, though two lemonade-sellers who short-changed their customers were arrested by county officials and expelled from the grounds forthwith. It was rumored on the grounds that a visitor had been robbed of more than \$100 in the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad depot, but the police had no official report of the theft. Considering all things, the number of exhibits and the tremendous crowds which have been in attendance, there has been far less trouble than was experienced in either of the preceding fairs.

Last year several noted pickpockets were arrested both within the city limits and in the grounds; this time only a few have been caught, and no other are present. Pickers are treating the crowds with a large generosity, because they seem to know that the Virginia people recognize the tricks of their trade, and are willing to buy on the experience that they appear to have well loaded down with money. No better or more numerous exhibits have ever been brought to the fair. Cattle, horses, sheep and swine are there in preponderating numbers, and the varieties on display would outlive any to be seen in any other State fair in the Union. The agricultural exhibits are exciting the usual attention, and the new things in the way of farming implements and the most up-to-date machinery are examined through every hour of the day by pleased and interested farmers.

The races yesterday were good except in the trotting events, which showed a marked falling off from those witnessed on previous days. The harness events were poor in style and outfit, but the running races and steeplechase were up to standard. The two-mile event over the jumps was the most exciting of all. Bessie Kiser, a displaced outsider, finished in an easy gallop ahead of the field. She received the plaudits of the crowd with a quick turn of her head as she flew past the line. Ben Lala, the favorite, fell at the fifth jump on the last lap, throwing the rider, and did not finish. Lady Norwood stumbled at the second jump on the first lap and threw her rider, and did not finish. Bessie Kiser then led the field, and came down the stretch in easy style.

Aside from the running events, the (Continued on Fourth Page.)

CORPSE INSTEAD OF BRIDE

Pretty Ora Lee Shot on Eve of Wedding; Lover Arrested.

WADSWORTH, O., October 9.—The police authorities to-night are endeavoring to unravel the mystery of the murder of Ora Lee, twenty-one years old, a handsome factory girl, whose body, pierced by two bullets, was found early to-day on the road between Wadsworth and the hamlet of Custerhook. Guy Razor, the man whom Miss Lee was to have married to-morrow, is detained by the sheriff pending developments of the police investigation. An examination of the knowledge of the tragedy, and in support of his denial exhibits a marriage license procured at Wooster yesterday.

The body of the young woman was found by Charles Razor, a cousin of Guy Razor, as he passed along the road in the early hours of the day. Two bullets had entered the girl's skull, one piercing the forehead, while the second crashed through between the eye and nose. No positive motive for the murder of the pretty young woman has yet come to light. The band of farmers led by Marshal Bricker, that hurried to the scene of the murder, met Guy Razor on the road walking towards Wadsworth.

CONNECT LAKE WITH GULF

Conference Adopts Resolutions Urging Immediate Action by Congress.

CHICAGO, October 9.—Adoption of resolutions declaring the opening of a channel connecting the Great Lakes with the Gulf of Mexico to be an imperative duty of the general government, and that this work should be immediately begun, was the first order of business at the annual convention of the Gulf Deep Waterways Association, held here to-day. The resolutions were adopted by a vote of 100 to 0.

COL. STUART TO BE RETIRED

Little Doubt That This Will Be Recommendation of Board.

WASHINGTON, D. C., October 9.—The Army Retiring Board, which has been investigating the condition of the health of Colonel William F. Stewart, retired, in the army, has concluded its work to-day, and while the result was not officially made public, it is quite well understood that the board found Colonel Stewart to be so seriously afflicted with valvular disease of the heart as to incapacitate him for further service in the army. The finding, which has been agreed upon, will be reported to the Secretary of War to-morrow, and it is considered probable that Colonel Stewart's retirement from the army will follow. If not retired, Colonel Stewart would still have more than four years of active service, and as he is one of the oldest officers of the Artillery Corps, his friends contend that he would stand a good chance of reaching the grade of major-general if retired, he will receive three-fourths of his regular pay, or about \$400 per month.

IN DISASTER OFF CAROLINA, STEAMER SIGNALS FOR TUG

NORFOLK, VA., October 9.—The United States cruiser Prairie, arriving to-day from Colon, reports receipt of wireless message on Thursday from the steamer Aberdeen in distress on the North Carolina coast and signaling for a tug. The vessel has lost her rudder in prevailing gale. The location of the distressed steamer is latitude 35 north, longitude 74-40 west. Wrecking tugs have left for the scene.

SCHOONER BURNS AT SEA, BUT CREW IS RESCUED

PENNSACOLA, FLA., October 9.—The fishing schooner Ida was destroyed by fire in the Gulf early to-day, when a few minutes after the vessel was sighted, ignited, causing an explosion. The vessel was an auxiliary yacht of large size, the boat was about twenty miles off shore and the crew took to the small boats. They were picked up and brought into port this morning. The vessel was composed of mackerel, which composed the cargo, were destroyed.

NIGHT RIDERS ARE DENOUNCED

New Banking Laws Demanded by Tobacco Association of United States

ABLE ADDRESS OF PRESIDENT CARRINGTON

Excursion to Jamestown To-Day Marks Climax of Successful Session—Smoker at Jefferson Hotel Last Night, With Several Instructive Addresses.

TOBACCO men from all sections of this country where the seductive weed is cultivated gathered yesterday morning at the parlors of the Jefferson Hotel to discuss the problems relating to their trade, and were welcomed by a host of the tobacco men of Richmond, rightly regarded since earliest days as the home of the tobacco business.

The sessions were interesting and instructive, embracing the reading of several prepared papers of permanent value, and several impromptu discussions of the questions demanding an immediate solution. The day's work ended with a smoker at the Jefferson Hotel last night, at which the address of President Carrington, presenting a series of important problems, was delivered, followed by several papers on various phases of the business under discussion, and ending with an evening of general enjoyment, in which Polk Miller and his famous negro quartet, Ben Owen, Augustine Royall and others joined in the huge enjoyment of the visitors.

President Carrington presented a thoughtful paper, in which he discussed the tobacco business as affecting the farmer, the warehouse man, and the dealer. His warning against over-production, and his kindly reference to the benefits to the trade, as well as the disadvantages, which have come from the organization of enormous combinations for dealing in and manufacturing tobacco, were warmly applauded. Coming out strongly for a currency reform which would put into the hands of the banks of rural and small town communities the available currency, with which to enable their patrons to move the crops, Mr. Carrington appeared as an advocate of the Fowler bill, as introduced at the last Session of Congress, embracing a guarantee of banks, and an issue of assistant currency based on warehouse receipts and real values instead of only on government bonds.

The political situation he viewed with no alarm, holding that with the election of either of the principal candidates in the West, the result would unite in making the best of it, and the result would be greater prosperity than any yet known.

Oppose Free Leaf Bill.

The session was opened yesterday morning with the reading of a paper by Mr. W. W. Tompkins, head of the local tobacco trade, followed by an address of welcome from Mayor Richardson, of Richmond, whose remarks were met with continuous applause.

An address at the morning session by Mr. E. H. Matheson, a representative of the United States Department of Agriculture, proved of the greatest interest, the speaker predicting that with better machinery and better methods of growing tobacco would produce double their present crop with the same acreage, and would deliver the leaf in better shape for convenient handling, explaining in detail the working of several government test farms in Virginia and North Carolina.

Smoker at Jefferson.

At an enjoyable smoker given in the Jefferson auditorium last night, after the annual address of the president, a paper was read by Mr. Bright Williamson, of Darlington, S. C., on "Tobacco in the New Bright Belt."

FRATRICIDE MEETS FATE OF BROTHER

Edward Fair Kills Allen Fair, Wounds Tuck Posey, Who Finally Brains Him.

WIFE, ALMOST VICTIM, BRINGS DEADLY AXE

Awful Tragedy at Manassas Family, Noted for Its Tragedies, Is Caused by Jealousy, and Wife, at Request, Brings Weapon With Which Husband Is Slain.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] ANNASAS, VA., October 9.—A double, and what may prove to be a triple, killing took place about 8 o'clock last night at the Charles Fair homestead, six miles from Manassas, when Edward Fair shot and instantly killed Allen Fair, his brother, and in the same manner perhaps fatally wounded Tuck Posey, his brother-in-law, who in turn killed Edward Fair with an axe.

Wife Left Him. Edward Fair, a native of this county, some years ago married a Miss Posey and moved to Baltimore to live. For some reason Fair's wife left him not long since and returned to her home in Prince William. Several months ago Edward Fair came back to his old home and endeavored to effect a reconciliation with his wife, but she would not consent to live with him. Last night he went to the home of his brother, Allen Fair, who is unmarried, and found his wife and her brother, Tuck Posey, at Allen Fair's house.

In a rage of jealous anger, Edward Fair returned to his house, procured his gun and filled his pockets with shells. He retraced his steps to the house of Allen Fair, declaring that he was going to kill his wife and any one else who attempted to interfere with him.

Allen Fair sprang between Mrs. Fair and his brother, and received a load of buckshot full in the head. Beyond all reason and control, he was about to strike the wife of his brother, when Tuck Posey grabbed him and endeavored to take the gun from his grasp. In the scuffle the gun was discharged, a part of the load taking effect in Posey's side and back. Both men fell, and in some unaccountable manner, Posey got on top of Fair. Posey then called to his sister, Fair's wife, and told her to bring him the axe. She did so, and with it Posey brained the man who started the trouble.

Family History.

This is but another tragedy to be added to a chapter of tragedies that have occurred in this same family in the past several years. Several years ago Willis Beavers, a son-in-law of Charles Fair, the wife of whom was the father of the two boys killed yesterday, made an unsuccessful attempt to kill his father-in-law. Three years ago Beavers tried to kill his wife in Fairfax county, and a man by the name of Simpson killed Beavers in an effort to save the life of Mrs. Beavers.

Mrs. Beavers then went to live with Silas Putnam. Last year Putnam murdered Mrs. Beavers and then took his own life. The body of Mrs. Beavers was brought to Prince William county for interment, and her brother, Charles Fair, dropped dead at the grave. A few months ago Ashel Posey, a brother-in-law of Charles Fair and the father of Tuck Posey, was killed by a falling tree.

A coroner's jury held an inquest this afternoon, and held Tuck Posey and Mrs. Ed. Fair responsible for the killing of Mrs. Fair's husband.

CANNIBAL TAKES STAND

Bushman Prince Testifies in Murder Trial at Raleigh.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] RALEIGH, N. C., October 9.—A remarkable witness for the prosecution in the "Boots" Brown murder trial, in progress here the past three days, was an Australian bushman, who had been in this country nearly twenty years, who knew "Boots" Brown intimately and identified the prisoner positively as "Boots." He was an eyewitness of the killing of Sarah Davis by "Boots." He represented himself to be a "conjure doctor," giving his American name as H. H. Woodstrom. Cross-examined by counsel for the defense, he said he was a "bushman prince," and that he had no idea how many people he had helped to devour. He said it was the custom of his people in Australia, when he grew up there, to eat "sissies" and "pickaninies"; in fact, that he grew up a cannibal.

BEGIN TRIAL OF OVERBEY

Jurors Are at Last Sworn In in Bank Defalcation Case.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] BOYDTON, VA., October 9.—Following the completion of the paneling of the jury in the case of E. W. Overbey, alleged defaulter of the Bank of Mechanicsburg, five witnesses were to-day examined in the case, and the sixth, H. B. Boudar, expert accountant of the Corporation Commission, was sworn in, and will testify to-morrow morning. The president of the bank, three directors and Mr. Chesterman, clerk of the Corporation Commission, were examined only along technical lines to-day.

The jury, obtained after four days, follows: J. S. Copley, R. J. Nottingham, J. E. Smith, E. B. Taylor, G. T. Wright, W. H. Bobbitt, A. J. Lambert, B. B. Smith, L. M. Newman, B. E. Pully, C. G. Johnson and L. J. Crow.

WEATHER. Fair.

TIME THAT PEOPLE SHOULD USE POWER

Bryan Confident They Will Not Permit Roosevelt to Name and Elect Successor

HAS GREAT CROWDS IN TOUR OF ILLINOIS

Makes Fourteen Speeches, and Is Welcomed and Cheered by Enthusiastic Audiences—Scores Roosevelt, Taft and Republican Policies.

UNION, ILL., October 9.—Fresh from his campaign in Chicago with hundreds of business men, whom he also specially addressed, W. J. Bryan traveled to-day for twelve hours through the State of Illinois, and making numerous stops, held himself up as "the advance agent of prosperity."

The panic of last fall was his principal theme, and from early morning until his last word was uttered to-night, he hammered away at the Republican charge that his election meant business depression and failures. He quoted statistics showing the number of failures in the last nine months to have exceeded those for a corresponding period in 1907, and laid particular emphasis on the fact that the panic of 1907 was under a Republican administration. Attention was called to a statement recently appearing in a Chicago Republican paper that 15,000 children went to school hungry every morning.

A Democratic victory, he asserted, furnished the only hope of a cure for the hard times from which he said the people are suffering, and for a restoration of prosperity.

For the first time Mr. Bryan referred to Mr. Longworth's alleged statement at Moline, Ill., that Mr. Taft should be elected and hold office for eight years, and then be succeeded by his father-in-law, President Roosevelt.

"He shall not be permitted to nominate and elect his successor," he vehemently declared, "with the prospect, as announced by his son-in-law, of then dictating for eight years more. It is time that the power of the people shall be used by the people."

Enormous crowds greeted Mr. Bryan everywhere and enthusiastically cheered him. With the speech delivered here to-night he had spoken fourteen times. The feature of his address here was his denial of the statement printed in a Western newspaper that he had written editorially for the Democrats against the granting of pensions to old soldiers. In his audience were a number of veterans from the Soldiers' Home here.

Accompanying the Democratic candidate through the State to-day was a large delegation from the Democratic State Committee and former Governor David R. Francis, of Missouri.

LIST OF LARGE GIVERS

Some of Those Who Have Contributed Largely to Campaign Fund.

NEW YORK, October 9.—The Democratic committee is preparing to announce next week the amount of its campaign fund and the individual contributors of amounts of \$100 and over. The lists, which have been compiled to date, and sent here from Chicago, show that the campaign fund is a little over \$220,000. Of this fund something over \$180,000 has been collected from contributors, which, with \$40,000 of the Denver convention fund, is the fund now in the Democratic treasury.

It is learned to-day that there have been fourteen individual contributors of \$1,000 each. There have been no contributions of sums between \$1,000 and \$500 to date. The Denver headquarters of the national committee has collected \$5,000, which is said to include a check of \$1,000 from former Senator William A. Clark, of Montana.

The smallest contribution received was \$100, which came in the mail from Monroe, Wash.

The largest contributions to the Democratic campaign fund follow: Delancy Nichol, New York City, \$1,000; Jacob Ruppert, New York City, \$1,000; Nathan Strauss, New York City, \$1,000; National Democratic Club, New York City, \$2,500; W. F. Sheehan, New York City, \$1,000; Archibald McNeill, of Bridgeport, Conn., \$1,000; Guy B. Tucker, Little Rock, Ark., \$1,000; M. F. Dunlap, Illinois, \$1,000; Roger Sullivan, Chicago, \$1,000; Perry Belmont, New York City, \$1,000; Robert Owen, Oklahoma, \$1,000; J. J. Hogan, La Crosse, Wis., \$1,000; E. O. Wood, Flint, Mich., \$1,000; E. F. Goltz, St. Louis, \$1,000; Moses C. Wetmore, St. Louis, \$1,000; Norman E. Mack, Buffalo, \$1,000; Robert Carey, Connecticut, \$500; Jefferson Levy, New York City, \$500; Dr. John Cox, Connecticut, \$500; William P. Burns, New York City, \$500; R. S. D. Mallory, Selma, Ala., \$500; Nathan Cole, Long Beach, Cal., \$500; P. W. Burns, Chicago, \$500; Joseph Fels, Pennsylvania, \$500; William B. Rodgers, Pittsburgh, \$500; Carl S. Vroom, Cotuit, Mass., \$500; Melville E. Ingalls, Cincinnati, \$500; W. R. Burt, Saginaw, \$500; Murray Carleton, St. Louis, \$500; F. B. Lynch, St. Paul, \$500; T. J. Walsh, Helena, Mont., \$500; W. E. George, Billings, Mont., \$500; R. S. Ford, Great Falls, Mont., \$500.

The major part of the Democratic campaign fund has come from dollar (Continued on Second Page.)

MAY PROVE THE CHARGE

Lottie Carroll Probably Important Witness in Whittaker Case.

NEW YORK, October 9.—Through the arrest to-day of Lottie Carroll, of Brooklyn, on a charge of larceny, the police believe they have secured the missing link of evidence which may connect Theodore Whitman as principal with the murder of his wife, Mrs. Lena Whitman, in the Lamplblack Swamp, Harrison, N. J., last Christmas night. Miss Carroll, who has been mentioned at his first trial as one by whom he could prove an alibi, but the girl was not found.

VICTIM OF PELLAGRA

Strange Disease Claims Life of Miss Sue Woods, at Charlotte.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., October 9.—Pellagra, the rare disease which is baffling physicians hereabouts, claimed its third victim here to-day when Miss Sue Woods, thirty years old, of Meridian, Miss., a daughter of Justice Woods, of the Supreme Court of Mississippi, died at the Presbyterian Hospital. Miss Woods had been under observation and treatment for three weeks, and physicians traveling many miles also had been called to her aid, but the unfortunate woman and to study the malady.

Dr. A. W. Babcock, of Columbia, S. C., who recently returned from Italy, where he investigated the malady as it exists among the peasantry of that country, held a clinic for the North Carolina Medical College, and visiting and local physicians here.

Dr. Babcock states that there are probably 200 cases of the malady in the Southern States. The disease is directly traceable to diseased corn, and is found to be non-communicable.

ENDS LIFE BEFORE BABES

Mrs. Fred Bender Steps in Front of Flying Train Near Cape Charles.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] CAPE CHARLES, VA., October 9.—Mrs. Fred Bender, thirty years of age, wife of a prominent local merchant, who resides about one mile from Cape Charles, was struck and instantly killed at 10 o'clock to-day by the New York, Philadelphia and Norfolk express train. The tragedy occurred at the private siding of Mr. P. Bender, about two miles from Cape Charles. Mrs. Bender and her two children were walking along the track, and she deliberately stepped on the track in front of the oncoming train. She was struck by the front of the train, which was traveling at a rate of speed. Her legs were fractured and neck broken.

Mrs. Bender had been in bad health for some time, and her friends had been urging her to leave home and go to a sanatorium. She had been in the hospital for some time, and had been treated at a hospital. She leaves two children, aged three and five years, respectively.

FLEET SAILS FOR JAPAN

Departs From Manila in Early Morning Without Ceremony.

MANILA, October 10.—The sixteen big battleships of the Atlantic fleet are now en route to Japan. Early this morning the flagship Connecticut got underway, half an hour later the rest of the great ships were in motion, and followed the Connecticut down the bay.

There was no ceremony or demonstration of any kind save the dipping of flags by the merchantmen, few people witnessed the departure, owing to the early hour.

At 8:45 o'clock the long line had cleared Corridor Island, at the mouth of the bay, and was now into the China Sea. Simultaneously with the departure of the fleet the authorities of Manila started a new campaign to eradicate the plague, and new cases reported average ten daily.

GOT AHEAD OF TEXAN

Found License Already Issued for Sweetheart's Marriage.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] KNOXVILLE, TENN., October 9.—William J. Kiser, who came to this city recently from Texas, called at the office of the county clerk to-day and applied for a marriage license to wed Miss Cora Kiser, a local girl. Some twenty minutes before Andrew Arrowwood had secured a license to wed the same young lady. After the license was issued, Kiser called on his attention was called to the fact that another license had just been secured to wed a young woman of the same name. Kiser saw the name and turned white and almost fainted. He was so overcome he could scarcely speak for some time, but, rather than seek further, he asked for his money back, and returned the license and left the office.

ATTACKS EDITOR WITH WHIP

Retelling Member of Georgia Legislature Pays a Hostile Call.

JESUP, GA., October 9.—Hon. Joseph A. Morris, Representative from Wayne county, whose term of office expired Wednesday, went to the office of the Jesup Sentinel early to-day in company with Mr. J. V. Robertson, where the former found Editor T. B. Hartig, and struck him a number of lashes with a horsewhip.

The Representative and editor have been political enemies for the past two years, and the difficulty is the outgrowth of alleged statements that Mr. Morris claims the editor has made derogatory to his character.

KILLED BY MINISTER WHO IS PROBABLY UNBALANCED

ATHENS, ALA., October 9.—News has reached here of the killing late yesterday of Andrew Livingston, a prominent LeFlore county line, by a preacher named Livingston. An enemy is said to have existed between the two men for some time, and when they met yesterday Livingston fired on Jackson. Livingston was later caught wandering about the woods barefooted and clad only in his undergarments, but he subsequently escaped. He is believed to be demented.

FALL FROM ELECTRIC CAR KILLS MAN IN MAGIC CITY

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] ROANOKE, VA., October 9.—Mr. C. D. Byrd died last night from injuries received by falling off an electric car Monday night while it was going around a curve. He was unconscious from the time he fell, and received bad bruises on his head and limbs. Conclusion of the brain was the cause of death. He was twenty-eight years of age, and unmarried. His remains will be taken to Glade Hill, Franklin county.

ASK KING TO DECLARE WAR OR ABDICATE

Servia's People Eager to March to Meet Austrian Troops Now on Frontier

CLASH IS REPORTED TO HAVE OCCURRED

Unconfirmed Rumor from Vienna of Killing of Austrian Gendarmes and Firing by Gunboats on Servians—British Fleet Gathering in Aegean Sea.

Fleet in Aegean Sea

VALETTA, ISLAND OF MALTA, October 9.—The battleship Prince of Wales, flagship of Prince Louis of Battenberg, the battleship Glory, the cruiser Diana and Suffolk and the torpedo boat destroyers Angier and Hampshire called to-day for the Aegean Sea. The squadron will be followed by the battleship Canopus and the cruiser Minerva.

VIENNA, October 9.—A telephone message received here from Budapest says Servians to-day killed Austrian gendarmes on the Bosnian frontier, whereupon gunboats are ordered the Servians. No confirmation of the story has been received here.

In spite of warnings to King Peter from Great Britain and France that the people of Servia be kept in check, the populace of Belgrade held demonstrations yesterday and demanded the resignation of the Cabinet and also the abdication of King Peter unless he declared against Austria-Hungary, which has refused to accept Servia's protest against the annexation of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Ten thousand Austro-Hungarian troops are garrisoned along the Drina River between Bosnia and Servia, ready for eventualities; and it is said 150,000 men can be thrown into Servian territory in twenty-four hours.

M. Iswolsky, the Russian minister of foreign affairs, arrived in London last night, and will have a conference to-day with Sir Edward Grey, British secretary of state for foreign affairs, concerning the calling together of the powers signatory to the treaty of Berlin to discuss the situation in the Balkans.

Prince Ferdinand, the Czar of Bulgaria, entered Philippopolis yesterday evening and received an enthusiastic greeting at the hands of the troops and the populace.

No confirmation has yet been received of the report that the Albanians have declared their independence of the Sultan of Turkey.

Yesterday at Candia, the largest city in Crete, the militia followed the example of their compatriots at Candia, the capital of the island, and took the oath of fidelity to Greece.

A British fleet of two battleships, two cruisers and two torpedo-boat destroyers is to-day well on its way from the Straits of Gibraltar to the Bosphorus yesterday fired blank shots across the bows of a steamer flying the new Bulgarian royal flag as it attempted to pass them.

FOR MEETING OF POWERS

Russian Minister in London for Important Conference To-Day.

LONDON, October 9.—The course of diplomatic interest in the Balkan situation has been transferred from Paris to London by the arrival here to-night of M. Iswolsky, the Russian minister of foreign affairs, who purposes a conference with Sir Edward Grey, the British secretary of state, concerning the situation, and particularly with regard to a concert of the powers to settle the outstanding difficulties. The Russian minister was met at the station by Count Benckendorff, the Russian ambassador in London, and representative of the British foreign office, with the latter of whom arrangements were completed for a meeting to-morrow between M. Iswolsky and Sir Edward Grey.

Limit to Present Breaches. Great Britain still is of the opinion that it would be better for Turkey if the matter were settled without a meeting of the powers, and she has not yet agreed to a conference, even in principle. The government, however, is open to conviction, but only on the ground that the discussion be limited to what the foreign office terms the "present breaches of the Berlin treaty."

The Austro-Hungarian suggestion, which has been officially communicated to Great Britain, that the conference should be confined to the Bulgarian declaration of independence, is held by the foreign office to be wholly untenable. The foreign office contends that if the powers decide in favor of a conference, they cannot ignore Austria-Hungary's breach of the treaty. Great Britain is not one of the powers favored with the Austro-Hungarian proposal that the new status of Bulgaria should be recognized, with which Baron von Aehrenthal has declared he approached some of the powers. Should this be received, the reply would be the same as that sent to Bulgaria.

The foreign office has been informed by Sir Francis Bertie, the British ambassador at Paris, as to what M. Iswolsky will suggest, but this naturally has not been disclosed.

Sir Edward's reply to any proposal that the conference should deal with matters outside the actions of Austria-Hungary and Bulgaria will be that in the interests of Turkey the scope of the conference should be strictly limited.

May Take Up Dardanelles. Up to the present time no official intimation has been received that Turkey is coming around to the British view that the question should be settled without a conference. The gov-